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## **LSF9 Balta Issuer S.A. announces the launch of a €290.0 million offering of Senior Secured Notes due 2022**

LSF9 Balta Issuer S.A., an entity indirectly controlled by Lone Star Fund IX, today announces an offering of Senior Secured Notes due 2022 in an aggregate principal amount of €290.0 million (the “Notes”).

The proceeds of the offering of the Notes are expected to be used to fund the acquisition of the Balta Group by Lone Star Fund IX, to repay certain existing indebtedness of the Balta Group and for related transaction fees and expenses.

The Balta Group is the leading European manufacturer of soft flooring, which includes rugs, broadloom and carpet tiles.

Lone Star Fund IX is the current opportunity fund sponsored by the principals of Lone Star, a leading private equity firm that invests globally in real estate, equity, credit and other financial assets with affiliate offices in North America, Europe and Asia.

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